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\*Congo (Brazzaville): A provisional committee of four Congolese army and gendarmerie officers has assumed control of the country following President Youlou's 15 August resignation.

There is no information on how or when a new government will be formed. The militant labor leaders who planned the general strike leading to Youlou's downfall are likely to demand a strong voice. They may be influenced by Firmin Matingou, an "intellectual" educated in the Soviet bloc who announced Youlou's resignation.

There are also moderates, however, who may exert a steadying influence. They include Jacques Opan-gault, a Youlou rival who is chief of a dominant northern tribe; former vice president Tchichelle, mayor of coastal Pointe Noire and leader of an important coastal tribe; and several labor leaders.

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[A growing resentment against France has been observed during the crisis, but the French have a substantial position in Brazzaville and it is unlikely that they are standing idly by. Youlou relied on a large number of French advisers and accepted French economic assistance averaging about \$9 million annually.]

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[French troops have been stationed in the country under a defense agreement, and about 1,000 reinforcements were flown in just before Youlou's fall. French influence was also strong in the security services.]

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Bolivia: The Bolivian Government is apparently planning to move forcefully against Communist and other opposition elements which are involved in the current unrest among the tin miners.

\*According to a press report, the decision on 15 August of the mine workers' federation to launch a general strike in the tin mines moved President Paz Estenssoro to summon his Cabinet into emergency session.

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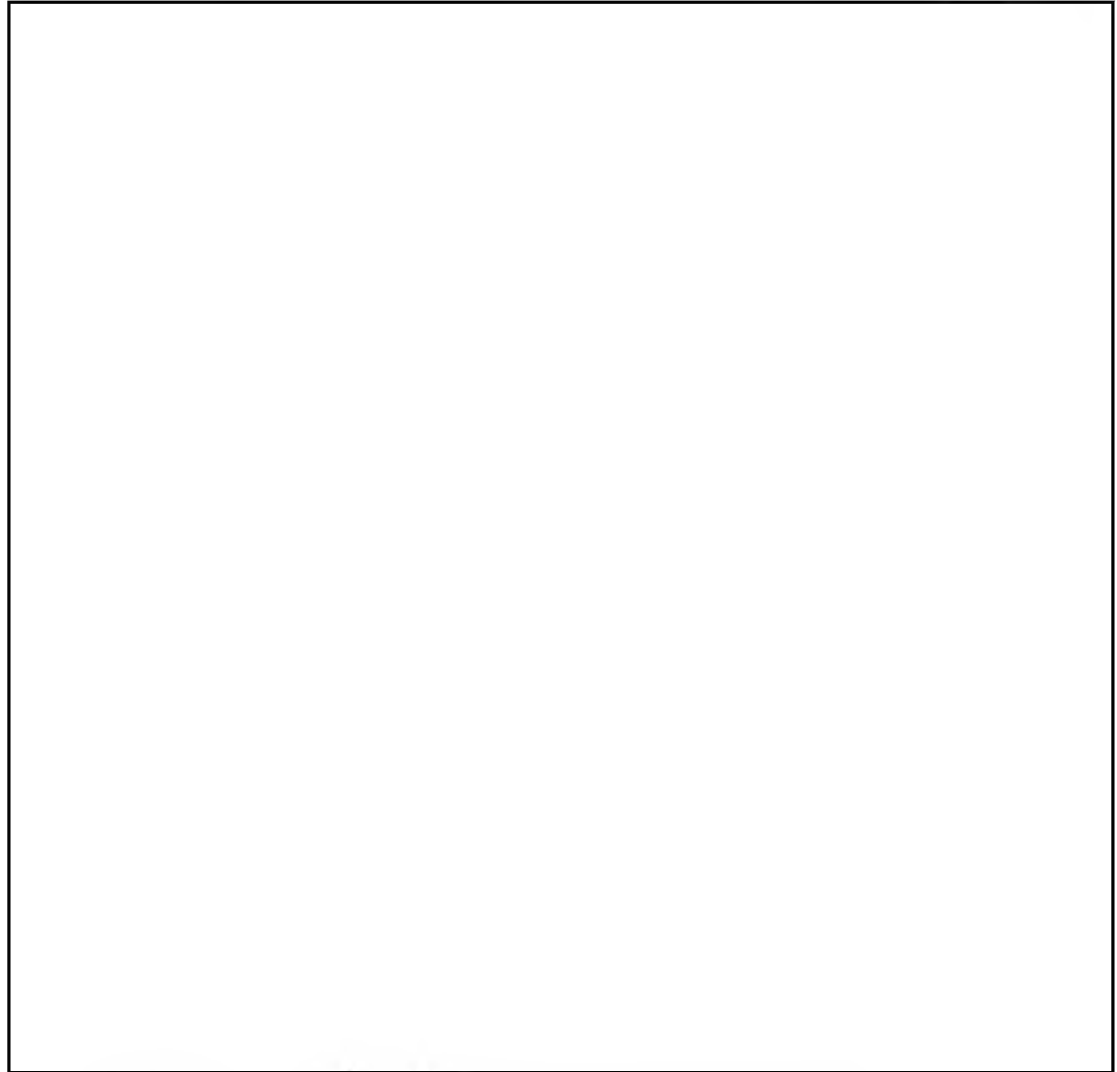
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Angola: President Salazar's rigid stand against colonial autonomy and eventual self-determination has dismayed many Angolans. In Luanda, most white settlers believe Salazar's speech of 12 August reflects an attitude that is suicidal under present conditions in Africa. In Leopoldville, the foreign minister of Holden Roberto's rebel regime is so disappointed by Salazar's statement that he feels he can no longer advocate negotiations with Lisbon.

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